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Domestic Consumption of Spices
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual quantity of production of spices in the country along with the percentage of spices exported and released for the domestic consumption;
(b) whether the quantity of spices released for domestic consumption is sufficient to meet the demand;
(c) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the demand of the domestic market for the local consumers; and
(d) the procedure adopted by the Government to strike a balance between the demand for domestic consumption and the demand of the foreign markets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d) : The annual production of spices in the country is around 6 million tones, out of which about 12 to 14% is exported while the rest is available for domestic consumption. Government implements several programmes for increasing production and availability of spices such as Cardamom through the Spices Board and other spices through the State Horticulture Missions under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). While on one hand, programmes aimed at increasing production and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers through pre and post harvest management and support activities are undertaken, on the other hand, the industry is assisted through adoption of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs, quality certification and making them available for exports.
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